

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for classifying a document using a classification system comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of classes;

identifying source documents of each of said plurality of classes;

generating a classification theme score for each of said classes from the source documents for each of the plurality of classes;

entering an unclassified document into the system;

generating an unclassified document theme score corresponding to said unclassified document;

classifying the unclassified document into one of said plurality of classes when the unclassified document theme score is substantially equal to the classification theme score;

reclassifying a plurality of classes into a plurality of new classes by:

identifying source documents for each of said plurality of new classes;

generating a respective plurality of new class theme scores for each of said plurality of new classes;

reclassifying documents within said plurality of classes into the plurality of new classes when a classified document theme score is substantially similar to one of the respective new class theme scores;

storing the reclassified documents in a document storage memory.

8.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for classifying a document using a classification system comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of classes and a plurality of subclasses;
identifying source documents of each of said plurality of classes and said plurality of subclasses;
generating a classification theme score for each class and each subclass in response to the source documents;
entering an unclassified document into the system;
generating an unclassified theme score for the unclassified document; and
classifying the document into one of said plurality of classes when the unclassified document theme score is substantially equal to the classification theme score;
reclassifying a plurality of classes into a plurality of new classes by:
identifying source documents for each of said plurality of new classes;
generating respective new class theme scores;
reclassifying documents with said plurality of classes into the plurality of new classes when the classified document theme score is equal to one of the respective new class theme scores;
storing the reclassified documents in a document storage memory.

13.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A system for classifying documents comprising:
a document input for entering an unclassified document;
a document storage memory;
a controller coupled to said document input and document storage memory said controller programmed to classify documents into a plurality of classes by identifying source documents of each of said plurality of classes, generating a classification theme score categorizing documents into said classes, generating an unclassified theme score for the unclassified document, and classifying the document into one of said plurality of classes when ~~the~~ the unclassified document theme score is substantially similar to the classification theme score, said controller further programmed to identify source documents for each of a plurality of new classes; generate respective new classification theme scores; reclassify documents with

said plurality of classes into the plurality of new classes when [[a]] the classified document theme score is substantially similar to the new class theme score; and store the reclassified documents in the document storage memory.

17. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said controller is programmed to assign a weight to sections of an unclassified document.

18. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said controller is programmed to classify documents into a subclass.

19. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said document input comprises the Internet.

20. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 16 wherein said document input comprises a scanner.